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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present National Stage Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this communication.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this communication.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this communication.